

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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There is no fear of the United States entering the war because her ship was fired on. Europe can't get us into the war. We don't want to get in, and we are going to keep out. That is all there is to it. We will not go into the war with Europe.—Vice-President Marshall.

## THE ISSUE MUST BE FACED.

The issue of efficiency in municipal office arises at the outset of the new administration. Even before the mayor-elect and the supervisors-elect take office they must face this issue. It is an issue of the caucus as well as of the open board session.

The office-seekers, the job-hunters, the feed-trough crowd, are already gathering in anticipation of a feast. They demand a share of the spoils because they "voted the Republican ticket straight." They are pressing Mayor-elect Lane and all of the new supervisors; they are pulling wires and hauling strings and passing political salve—and if they have their way they will wreck the new administration.

It is up to Mr. Lane and those who were elected with him last month on a platform of efficiency to determine now which element they will line up with—whether it is to be the utterly selfish, blindly self-seeking, job-chasing crowd, or the element that expects decent government, that expects a dollar's worth of work for a dollar's worth of taxes. The first bunch will ruin any efforts for good administration, the second will get behind every such effort and cooperate with the new officials.

There are signs that there will be a split on the board of supervisors over this plain issue. If there is such a split, Mr. Supervisor, which side are you going to line up with—the side that plays partisan politics or the side that plays good government politics—the side that violates platform pledges, or the side that lives up to those pledges?

The Star-Bulletin will deeply regret a split on the new board. There is no good reason for it if every member does his duty. It is essentially "poor politics." We hope that during the next three days the Republicans elected last month—elected by an independent vote—will get together for the sake of decent government and for the sake of the Republican party.

## THE GEIER INTERMENT.

Japan seems to be entirely satisfied with Uncle Sam's handling of the Geier affair. The Jiji, a Tokio paper whose comment is often sharp, expresses itself as highly gratified at the report that the German cruiser Geier has been disarmed at last under the supervision of the American authorities at Hawaii. Though a great deal of disgruntled comment at states, was raised in Japan regarding America's alleged breach of neutrality, the Jiji was sure from the outset that the United States would strictly respect the obligations of a neutral state in view of her fair dealings in the past. The Jiji goes on to cite the exemplary conduct of the United States in 1904 during the Russo-Japanese war concerning the Russian warships which had run into San Francisco and Manila. It is true that some delay was experienced in the disposition of the German cruiser but none the less gratified is the Jiji at the fact that the United States has acted in this matter in precisely the way the Jiji had believed she would act.

## ITALY'S REVELATION.

Giovanni Giolitti, former premier of Italy, in a speech before the Italian Chamber of Deputies on December 5 declared that Austria was prepared to make war on Serbia in August of 1913.

In other words, nearly a year before the assassination of the Austrian heir-apparent furnished a new explanation of Austria's attitude, the Dual Monarchy was ready to force a European war.

Signor Giolitti laid before the chamber the diplomatic messages that passed between the Italian and the Austrian governments. It proves that Austria was ready to start war and that Italy prevented the Austrian attack on the Serbs. These statements, be it noticed, do not come from the Allies, from the enemies of Germany or Austria. They come from a neutral source.

The New York World, commenting on the former premier's revelations, says:

"No recent official statement concerning the war is more important than that made by ex-

Premier Giolitti, in the debate upon the vote of confidence in the Salandra ministry, that Austria communicated both to Germany and to Italy in August, 1913, her intention to act against Serbia."

"This lightning stroke from Rome confirms much that has hitherto rested upon deduction: That the German increase in the active army and the direct property levy for military purposes were preparations for a definitely expected war; that Austria, almost a year before the murder of the archduke gave her a pretext, was already planning her onslaught on the hapless land which, as Count Mensdorff told Sir Edward Grey in July, she 'had always regarded as being in the Austrian sphere of influence;' and that the real cause of the greater struggle was the Balkan war and Serbia's growing power as a barrier on the Austrian road to Salonica.

"The Giolitti statement explains also why Germany at the opening of the great struggle showed so much more anxiety to keep Great Britain out of the war than to draw Italy into it; Austria had already been warned by the late Marquis di San Giuliano, with Giolitti's concurrence, that an attack upon Serbia would be considered 'not defensive, because nobody thinks of attacking her.' Berlin and Vienna knew a year in advance how Rome would interpret her treaty obligations. They felt themselves strong enough to deal with France and Russia. The failure to pacify England—the failure to see in advance that the German powers could not pacify her while invading Belgium and smashing France—was the great diplomatic blunder of the century.

"Incidentally, the fact that the most powerful Italian statesman is not averse at this critical time to throwing such a bombshell into the German-Austrian camp is in itself significant, and not impossibly prophetic."

## LET'S BE FAIR.

Some very commendable work in artistic outdoor posters has been done by the local bill-posting company—and some very underhand work has been and is being done in opposition to this company. Mainland cities are victimized sometimes by billboard companies which scatter ugly, disfiguring signs indiscriminately over the landscape. That charge cannot be brought against the Pioneer Advertising Company and reference to opposition on the mainland has little application here. Some of the methods resorted to in fighting the billboards are losing instead of winning favor, and businessmen especially are beginning to talk of unfairness.

Charles S. Whitman is now governor of New York. His conduct of that difficult office will be watched with especially keen interest all over the country because Whitman is already looked upon as a presidential possibility. How about Whitman and Borah as the Republican candidates in 1916?

We hope the state department will not feel called on to apologize to Turkey because the commander of the North Carolina cleared for action off Tripoli and protected French and British subjects from the attack of fanatic Moslems.

No, that wasn't the spirit of Christmas hovering over the war-zone—it was a fleet of military Zeppelins and a squadron of armored biplanes.

If a bomb ever drops into one of those unpronounceable names on the Russian border there'll be an awful orthographical dislocation.

Cannot the police find the reckless chauffeur whose auto killed ten-year-old Natsu Hibatu on Christmas Day? If not, why not?

You can lead a new city administration into office, but you can't always keep it away from the partisan-patronage trough.

Gen. Scott's signal success as a talker on the Mexican border ought to awaken pangs of jealousy in the Bryan breast.

Chicago's death-rate from all causes is about the same as Honolulu's from auto accidents alone.

Evidently there's no "blue-sky" law to restrict airship raids.

Italy finds it only a short, short way to Albania.

# Letters or TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

## JOHN BARLEYCORN STAGGERED.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: I am in hopes that every right-minded person in this territory is giving serious thought to the cause of prohibition that is making its mighty way across the land, and it is hoped will continue across the water as far as Hawaii, at least.

Could anybody ask for better proof of the onward march of prohibition than the vote recently taken in the House of Representatives on the proposed amendment to the constitution that would bring about nation-wide prohibition?

I do not think that any opponent of liquor thought for a moment that this humanity-saving amendment would carry. It required the favorable con-

sideration of two-thirds of the members of the House to pass it. But the shining fact that a vote was taken on this all-important amendment is a most remarkable victory for the foes of drink. And the further fact that the number voting for the amendment exceeded a majority of the votes cast gives much encouragement to those who are marking the fight. It will be remembered that last year recorded a complete failure to get a vote on this same measure.

A few years ago if any man had proposed an amendment to the constitution calling for nation-wide prohibition he would have been considered somewhat of his mental balance.

Old John Barleycorn has received so many K. O. blows on the point of the chin that he does not now make his boasts from the housetops with clarion acclaim. He has sure had a sorry time of it in many places where he thought he was safely entrenched. But it is with fear and trembling he now views the line of battle arrayed against him. We now have him on the defensive, and it will be but a short time until we have him on the run with no mercy shown.

TOM MERLE.

## Schofield Notes

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 26.—Interest in horsemanship and horse training has taken a new turn in the two mounted regiments at Schofield since it has been announced that a team of several officers selected from the 4th Cavalry and 1st Field Artillery will be sent to San Francisco to take part in the "International Mounted Competitions and Exhibitions" at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Word has just been received that the mounted military competition which has been set for May 3, 4 and 5, has been postponed to some time between Oct. 1 and 9. This will give the officers a longer period in which to prepare their mounts, and to obtain new ones for the Hawaiian team. The officers to compose the team will be determined by a preliminary competition to take place at Schofield Barracks some time in July or August, in which all officers will have the privilege of exhibiting their mounts.

On account of the European war the competition at the Panama exposition will probably not be so international in its character as those which took place at Stockholm and London, in which our officers took part, or the one at Madison Square garden four years ago. The Canadian, Italian, Swedish and Swiss armies are certain to be represented, and possibly several others.

Fierce winds from Schofield have wrecked nearly all the canvas garages. The gale last Saturday carried the roof of the Lelehu department store and deposited it on the roof of the Cavalry-Artillery amusement hall 150 feet away. This started the roof of the latter building and 900 square feet were carried away. During the fiercest part of the storm Sergt. Burrows, foreman carpenter, risked his life by carrying a heavy rope over the part of the roof that remained and probably saved the building from being a total wreck. A two by six, twenty feet long, from the Lelehu department store went through the roof of the post exchange and then through the front of the building. A number of soldiers and employees narrowly escaped being struck by this intruding piece of timber.

Christmas trees in all of the regiments brought happiness to the children of the post Friday afternoon. Santa Claus visited the 25th Infantry amusement hall with presents for more than 60 children of that regiment. Chaplain Ignatius Pealy took the part of Santa Claus for the 1st Field Artillery and brought all the children of the regiment together at the Cavalry-Artillery hall where they talked to Santa Claus, sang Christmas carols and received candy and pretty toys. In number of children the 4th Cavalry has all the other regiments topped. Toys were taken off the regimental Christmas tree for 87 children under 15 years of age. Lieut. H. H. C. Richards made a most realistic Santa Claus.

The service football series will come to an end tomorrow. A game will be played at Ft. Shafter between the 2nd Infantry and the 1st Infantry, and at Schofield between the Engineers and the 1st Field Artillery. Neither game can affect the standings of the teams. In the previous games between these teams, the Engineers defeated the Artillery 19 to 0, and the 2nd Infantry were the victims of the 1st by a score of 20 to 0.

Maj. William S. Guignard narrowly escaped serious injury Friday

# Personal Mention

FRANCIS GAY is an arrival from the Garden Island in the steamer Kinau.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL R. ISENBERG returned to Honolulu from Kauai last night.

MRS. C. K. BISHAW was numbered with the passengers to arrive from the island of Kauai in the steamer Kinau Sunday morning.

SENATOR D. E. METZGER, who recently was admitted to practice law in the district courts in Hilo, intends to open a law office and remain permanently in the Crescent City, according to information which has been received from the big island.

PROF. FRED A. CLOWES, in charge of the agricultural station at Glenwood, Hawaii, is contemplating taking a post-graduate course in the agricultural college at the University of California and has applied for a year's leave of absence. Professor Clowes' successor may be given a permanent appointment, in which case the professor's resignation will be accepted.

WARREN G. MARSHALL has been appointed chemist for Hakalau plantation and left for his new post by the Kinalea Saturday. Quite a party of friends were at the wharf to give Mr. and Mrs. Marshall a pleasant farewell. Mr. Marshall is the son of Mrs. Lila G. Marshall, teacher at the Normal school. He gained his technical education in California and was engaged in beet sugar chemistry work. He returned to the islands with his bride some two months ago and intends to make his home here.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SIDNEY JORDAN: This rain plays the very dickens with the gentle sport of angling at Black Point. But I should worry. Tuna hasn't got any strings on him as far as I'm concerned.

—H. P. WOOD: The Hawaii fair commission is rapidly completing its plans for the territory's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Hawaiian music is going to be one of the principal features, and there is no doubt but that the commission has selected the best orchestra to be secured in Honolulu.

—DR. WADMAN: I have just had a graphic illustration of how the devil of drink persistently, resourcefully and cunningly endeavors to turn even the best efforts to his evil uses. In last Saturday's Star-Bulletin I had a temperance sermon with the heading "Prohibition Don't Prohibit," and I attacked this on three points—that it was bad in grammar, lame in logic and false in fact. But the heading was corrected to read "Prohibition Doesn't Prohibit," and thus my first line of attack was baffled. I tell you, the drink-devil certainly is awake to his opportunities.

night. Returning from Honolulu alone in Capt. H. C. Williams' Ford driven by a Filipino boy, the machine struck a horse and went over an embankment, completely wrecking the automobile. The accident took place on the hill where the road crosses the two railroad tracks of the Honolulu Sugar Co., about a mile this side of Pearl City.

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# Mainlanders Want Jobs in Hawaii; And Many Are Eager to Invest Some Money Here

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Such requests, says Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, have formed the gist of the majority of letters which he has received during the past month.

Mr. Brown says that he is between two fires, for not only are mainlanders writing for information as to obtaining positions here, but many persons—evidently well-to-do—want to know what the situation is from the standpoint of investing money in enterprises in the islands.

The secretary of the chamber appears to be in the same "fix" as was Paul Super, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., about a year ago, only the circumstances are different. Mr. Super made a statement for publication one day to the effect that jobs in Hawaii should be thrown open preferably to those young men brought up and educated in the islands. The story was "picked up" by mainland newspapers, and made to read that "there were plenty of jobs in Hawaii."

Consequently, for months after, Mr. Super's mail was flooded with letters from persons all over the United States and Canada, making applications for positions in Hawaii. To save the situation, Mr. Super got out a circular letter explaining the matter, a letter being sent to each person making an application.

"No circular letter for mine, however," said Mr. Brown today. "I'm going to answer every letter personally, and explain conditions—labor and financial—just as they are. The Chamber is not running an employment agency, of course, but I'm going to let those mainlanders know what is what. Perhaps I will be able to increase the 'tourist' travel."

To formally accept from the contrary. Mr. Thayer expects to return to the Hawaiian building at the to Honolulu early in February.

Panama-Pacific exposition, Wade Warren Thayer, territorial secretary and There was engaged at the subsidizing agent for the Hawaii fair treasury \$10,000 in gold for shipment Commission, will leave for San Francisco to Canada and \$350 was transferred cisco in the transport Thomas Janu to New Orleans.

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